

# Robert A. Van Wyck (J.H.S. 217)

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**Subway:** F to Parsons Boulevard followed by Q25

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Q220 to Hillside Avenue & 144th Street

## Enrollment

### Eligibility:

- Priority to students residing in the zone
- Then to students and residents of District 28

### Total Students (10/31/2010)

- 1376

### Grades Served (2011-2012)

- 6 – 8

### Special Education Services:

- Integrated Co-Teaching (ICT)
- Special Class
- Special Education Teacher Support Services (SETSS)

### ELL Programs/Services:

- ESL

## Accountability

	2008-2009	2009-2010
Progress Report	B	B
Quality Review	N/A	Proficient

## Important Information

Academic Portfolio Required:	No
Community Service Required:	No
Extended Day Program Offered:	Yes
Summer Session Offered:	Yes
Uniform Dress Code Observed:	Yes
Weekend Program Offered:	Yes

## About Our School

**School Theme:** Green Sustainability & Technology

### What Students Like Best:

Students like our technology-based education. Students use their laptops in-class to take notes, do research, and create iMovies, Powerpoints, class wikis, and class blogs. Through our Green Magnet Educating for Sustainability curriculum, students are involved in studying about and taking actions in their local and global communities. Students also like the wide range of in-class programs and after-school activities we offer.

### What Parents Like Best:

Parents appreciate our parent education classes and the school's communication efforts, including many opportunities for parental involvement.

### Interesting Facts:

- All students receive Apple laptops. Selected students receive at-home computers through NYC Connected Learning: Linking the Home and Classroom.
- Our school community is diverse, with over 40 nations represented.
- We have a Green House, Pollinators' Garden, and Organic Vegetable Garden on our campus.

## Features

- **Special Programs & Initiatives:** iTiL Laptop program, Magnet Grant Heart Surgery Program, LEGO Robotics, Specialized High School Prep, Web Development, Blogging, Wikis, iMovie classes, Urban Advantage Science Program, Saturday Academy, After-school/Extended Day programs (including ESL), Performing Arts courses in Art, Dance, Chorus, Band (All-City Band)
- **Language Classes:** French, Spanish
- **Regents Classes:** French, Integrated Algebra, Living Environment, Spanish

## Partnerships

- **Cultural Institutions:** New York Hall of Science, Museum of the Moving Image, Queens Museum of Art, Jamaica Center for the Arts, American Museum of Natural History, NY Historical Society, Queens Botanical Gardens
- **Higher Education Institutions:** Bank Street College of Education, St. John's University, Queens College, City College of New York (CCNY)
- **Program Partners:** Teaching Matters, Margaret's Place, Urban Advantage; Cooperative, Healthy, Active, Motivated, Positive Students (CHAMPS); Supreme Evaluation Inc., New York Rowing Association (NYRA)
- **Resource Partners:** Integrated Curriculum and Instruction (ICI), Queens Community House, Safe Horizons

## Extracurricular Activities

- **Clubs & Activities:** MOUSE Squad, Chess Club, Student Government, EXCELSIOR, CHAMPS, Queens Community House, Destination Longevity, NY ROW, Cheerleading, Heart Surgery Science Club
- **Co-ed Sports:** Basketball, Football, Soccer, Volleyball

Program Name	Code	Selection Criteria		2010 Seats	2010 Applicants
Robert A. Van Wyck (J.H.S. 217) <i>Program Focus: Global Issues</i>	Q217U	Unscreened	• Students who apply to this program will be randomly selected	370	879